

ELK GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2015

Board Members and Guests Present: Sharon and Don Baker, Sally Bergen, Diane Borden, Mary Bulford, Barbara Claire, Lorraine Croup, Jim and Annaclare Entrican, Claudia Johnson, Jeanette Lawson, Rich Lozano, Brookelea Lutton, Carol On.

Call to order: Brookelea Lutton (President): The meeting was called to order by President Brookelea Lutton.

Public Comment:

None.

Announcements:

Brookelea introduced and welcomed the new Rhoads School Director, Sharon Baker. Sharon said she would get together with Merry Leverton to pass the baton when she returns from visiting her granddaughter.

Approval of Minutes: April 13, 2015--Diane Borden (Recording Secretary):

It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Sally Bergen to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Board Meeting, (sent to Board for review) as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Bills--Jeanette Lawson (Treasurer):

Jeanette reported all the bills from last month have been paid. Jim suggested that a separate article be posted in the January newsletter that outlines the maintenance expenses that occurred during the year and were paid out of the Wightman Fund.

Jim submitted a bill from Simon Hernandez, for problems with our PA system for the cost of a special high-resolution cable in the amount of \$283.95. It was moved by Lorraine Croup and seconded by Diane Borden to reimburse Jim for the expense. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Barbara Claire to approve the Treasurer's Report (see agenda) as presented. Motion carried.

Rhoads School Update—Sharon Baker:

Sharon reported that classes are ongoing until the end of May. Merry Leverton will be back on the 21st. They are still in need of a school "marm" – Brookelea said she knows of someone who might be interested.

CSD Update—Rich Lozano:

Rich went over some of the issues related to the drought and the efforts being made to cut back water usage by 35 percent. They are working with the various park districts in the area and may use reclaimed and potable water where possible. Trees will be watered at night using a new system. Because they are within both the Sac County water and Elk Grove water systems, they will make an effort to comply with the most stringent requirements. It is expected that any new homes built will be putting in drought landscaping.

Committee Reports:

Calendar Committee—Sally Bergen:

Brookelea asked for discussion of the Project Summary distributed at the April Board Meeting. Sally went over her recommendations and costs related to making this a viable fundraiser for the Society. It was agreed that black and white would be less expensive than color and we can solicit advertising from local businesses to absorb some of the costs. Estimates would be \$6-\$8 each to print and we could ask \$12-\$15 depending on how many we publish. It was suggested a pre-order form be included in the newsletter. Also, a final page would consist of ads and coupons. It was agreed to go ahead and plan on a limited edition of 200 copies.

Docents—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea reported 42 people came for the May opening, including a group of Cub Scouts. Jim did a training session for docents. If you notice that our brochures are depleted, please let Barbara know so she can make additional copies for the next opening.

Membership—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine announced and welcomed new members Don and Sharon Baker and Ed and Sue Tidwell. It was suggested that we include a self-addressed stamped return envelope with the applications that are mailed to prospective members. The corresponding secretary will send out a welcome letter to all new members that tells them about our regular activities and invites them to become involved and to help with anything for which they have time and interest. Carol On will follow up with a phone call or e-mail. Also, Brookelea suggested we feature a new member(s) in the newsletter as a way of introduction. Carol On said she left messages for new members last month giving her phone number and e-mail address as a contact.

Newsletter-May-June--Barbara Claire:

The May-June Newsletter was mailed out. The deadline for the July-August Newsletter is June 15th. There was an obituary in the Sacramento Bee for Sarah Johnson, former Vice President of the Society. Barbara asked that we send her any member notices so that condolences can be included in the newsletter in the future.

Policy & Procedure Committee—Brookelea Lutton:

A meeting will be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Programs for General Meeting—May, June and July—Claudia Johnson:

May 18: Dr. Alfred Yee, Professor at Sac State, regarding the Dai Loy Museum in Locke, at the Carlton at 6:30 PM.

June 14: MacFarland Ranch tour and picnic (bring your own), 11 AM

July 8: The Lincoln Highway members (arriving in antique cars) will arrive at 9 AM and we will set up to provide coffee and cookies.

July 24-26: Yard Sale

Nothing scheduled in August.

Fall Craft Show—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea has received 14 applications. Seems to be lots of interest; she will submit her budget at the next meeting.

Spring Tea—Sally Bergen:

Sally reported that expenses are still coming in and she will have a final report at the next meeting. There were a total of 221 tickets sold and she estimates a profit of over \$6,000 (better than last year). Survey results were mostly positive, however there were complaints there was not enough sun protection from the umbrellas (which cost \$200) and that the canopy provided more shade. It was moved by Jeanette Lawson and seconded by Sally Bergen to purchase an additional canopy for a cost of \$750. Motion carried.

Yard Sale—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine said she will be at the museum to accept donations on Sunday, May 24th from 9 AM to 1 PM. She will submit an article to the Citizen.

Unfinished Business:

Foulks House Restoration and Blacksmith Shop/Storage Shed—Jim Entrican:

No report.

Reese School Committee—Dennis Buscher, Jim Entrican:

Brookelea received a note in response to her e-mail from Kevin Pressey, saying in part: "I apologize for things taking so long; we are a small firm and work got so busy that I have not had time to address the Reese School. I did promise that I would perform the drawings to set the building onto a new foundation and I will complete that work for you. I should be able to have the drawings and calculations completed within approximately 2 months, say right after the 4th of July."

Scout Projects—Jim Entrican:

Several ongoing projects are in process.

Underground Bus Tour—Lorraine Croup:

Lorraine has contracted for the underground tour of Old Sac scheduled for June 13th (10 AM), followed by lunch on your own and a visit to the Auto Museum. (The State Library is not open on Saturdays, so the car museum was substituted.)

Tentative Tour of Winery and Rae House in September—Lorraine Croup:

Nothing definite yet, but she is working on it for late September.

Lorraine said the Woodland bus trip only made \$304 because the bus was not full. She received and read a note from Marsha Adriani expressing her appreciation and how much she enjoyed the day—especially the roses.

Grant Requests—Barbara Claire:

Barbara expects to hear back from the City on all grants submitted soon.

New Business:

Whitelock Interchange Meeting Update—Jim Entrican:

Jim reported that they have narrowed it down to three designs (each with two options). One design will take out part of our fence. There will be another public meeting held. Jim will let us know the date when announced and a robo call will be made. While construction will not happen for 5 to 10 years, it was agreed we keep current and continue our opposition.

Potential Fund Raiser—Brookelea Lutton:

Brookelea said that Logan's Restaurant would offer a Saturday breakfast from 8 – 10 AM if an organization gets a group together (minimum of 200) and they would split the profit 50 percent. They provide flyers, etc., and the organization collects the money ahead of time, provides volunteers to greet and serve the meal. Brookelea would like us to consider doing this, and it was agreed we needed more information. She will follow up.

Strauss Festival—Sally Bergen:

Sally passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteer help needed to keep any eye on things in the park during this event (July 21-26). There are 2 shifts: 10:00 - 2:00 or 2:00 – 5:00. Jackie Lewis is the contact (we may sign up or call her directly).

Sally needs our help to wash and repackage the tea cups/saucers from the Tea and return them to the museum by Thursday at 10 AM. She will also go through our supply and take out any that are not usable and can be sold at the Yard Sale.

Halloween Budget – Jeanette Lawson:

Jeanette submitted her budget (attached) for 2015 for a total of \$4,000. It was moved by Sally Bergen and seconded by Claudia Johnson to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Jeanette reminded everyone that a meeting is scheduled to discuss and organize for the Christmas event on May 20th at 4 PM in the museum.

Jeanette had previously asked if the Society would be interested in doing a wine auction provided by Bob Harris (his winery is off Grantline in Sheldon Woods). If someone could call him and find out more information, she thinks it would be a good fundraiser in August or September. Sharon Baker volunteered to do so.

Claudia announced she will be donating a memorial rose in memory of her Mom.

Upcoming Events:

- May 18 – General Meeting, 6:30 PM at the Carlton, Speaker: Dr. Alfred Yee, Professor at Sac State, regarding the Dai Loy Museum in Locke
- June 6: Museum open for tours, Noon – 4 PM
- June 8 – Board Meeting, 4 PM, Museum
- June 13 - Underground tour and visit to auto museum
- June 14 – General Meeting, picnic and tour of MacFarland Ranch, 11 AM (bring your own lunch)
- July 8 – Lincoln Highway visit to Museum
- July 24, 25 & 26 – Yard Sale

The meeting was adjourned by President Brookelea Lutton at 5:50 PM.

Submitted by:

Diane Borden,

Recording Secretary